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Title: Regarding proposed changes in the Civil Services Examination.

*SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIM NAGAR) : Thank you, chairman Sir. I sought permission to speak in Telugu. On 05 March 2013, UPSC has made some changes to it's selection process. Regional languages' including Telugu has been removed from the list of optional subjects, which will adversely affect lakhs of

candidates who studied Telugu literature. We conduct Telugu conferences world wide. We have an option to speak in Telugu in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Also, Telugu is listed in Eighth Schedule of our constitution.

UPSC should give options to choose Telugu, Tamil or Kannada literature, because this is a common issue amongst all these states. Hence, I request the Government to look into this matter and direct UPSC to restore the previous arrangement of opting for regional languages.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Dr. K.S. Rao and

Shri P. Lingam are allowed to associate themselves with the issue raised by Shri Ponnam Prabhakar.